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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hering et al.

Serial No.: 09/978,110

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Title: CARRIER FOR A
CHROMATOGRAPHIC COLUMN

Examiner: Krishnan Menon

Art Unit: 1723

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003, finally rejecting claims 14-16 and 31-37.

Please amend the subject application as follows: